CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: shakira9.mpg

Other known title(s): shakira9

OFLC ref: 0900818.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 20 October 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	shakira9.mpg	0:31
Total running time:		0:31

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. It consists of a video clip that explicitly depicts a young teeenage girl involved in sexual acts with an adult man. The publication is a record of sexual exploitation. It invites the viewer to regard girls as sexually available and desirable, and serves to legitimise a sexual interest in young persons.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.